



# United States Capitol Visitor Center Weekly Construction Summary



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Stone masons apply a granite block from a quarry in Culpepper, VA., to the retaining wall within the CVC entrance zone. The “split-face” cut of the granite is intended to mimic the rough cuts of the granite blocks in the historic retaining walls around the perimeter of Capitol Square.

## **This Week – Ongoing Work – 5/02/05 through 5/06/05**

### **CVC and East Front Plaza:**

- Workers continue to install mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems, erect masonry block work, and install interior marble and sandstone.
- Fireproofing begins in the East Front Extension.
- Granite paving will continue on the eastern half of the East Front Plaza.
- Exterior stonework will continue along the pedestrian ramp on the north side of the CVC entrance zone (photo above).

### **East Front Extension**

- Crews will continue installing mechanical systems related to the elevators on the south side of this zone. Installation of the vertical rails is complete and the elevator platform is operational.

### **East Capitol Street Utility Tunnel**

- Excavation of the trench between First Street and Second Street is complete and a base concrete slab is in place. The slab will support the pre-cast concrete tunnel sections. Installation of the pre-cast concrete will begin this week.
- First Street continues to be constricted to clear the way for utility work and the placement of a temporary bridge across First Street at its intersection with East Capitol Street. One lane of traffic will continue to be maintained in each direction at all times. Pedestrian access is available across East Capitol on the west side of First Street.





Above: A worker completes a blockwork column inside one of two CVC orientation theaters. Inset at left: An artists rendering of a completed orientation theater. A 12-minute film about the Capitol and the Congress is being produced and will be shown three times per hour in each theater.

## **Next Week – 5/09/04 – 5/13/05**

### **CVC and East Front Plaza Work**

- Crews will continue to install utilities, build mechanical spaces, place concrete, erect blockwork, and install finish stone.
- Installation of additional drainage elements and structural foundation work will continue at the CVC entrance zones for the pedestrian ramps and stepped paths that slope down to the CVC entrances.
- Workers will continue placing the granite pavers on the East Plaza in the eastern half of the CVC site. Exterior wall stone installation will continue in the north side of the CVC entrance zone.

### **East Front Extension**

- Some minor demolition activities may occur.
- Crews will continue to install mechanical systems and utilities, and continue elevator work. Fireproofing of steel structural elements will continue inside the East Front Extension (inside the Capitol).

### **East Capitol Street Utility Tunnel**

- Installation of pre-cast concrete sections will continue. Lane constrictions along First Street NE/SE will continue for several months.



A crew installs granite pavers on the East Front Plaza.

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